

JANUARY 28, 2021

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JOHN R HAMERCHECK, COMMISSIONER	JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
RON YOUNG, COMMISSIONER	LEGAL COUNSEL
JENNIFER BELL, CLERK	MIKE MATAS, BUDGET DIRECTOR
	NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2021-0128)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hamercheck called the Meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Thursday, January 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll being called, Commissioners, Young and Hamercheck were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 29, 2020, Organizational meeting of January 7, 2021 and the Regular meeting of January 19, 2021 were approved as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. There were no public comments in this portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CHEMICALS FOR THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (Bid Opening: February 17, 2021) (20210128\U01)(UT-8)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

2. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SANITARY SEWERAGE, SOLID WASTE, AND WATER SUPPLY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES (20210128\U02)(UT-19)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, explained that this is an annual update of the Utilities Department. He stated that this year there are very few revisions. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that the Utilities Department takes into consideration comments and suggestions from the public, contractors and developers. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

3. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID SEWER AND WATER SUMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR (20210128\U03)(UT-7)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES VOUCHERS DATE OF WARRANT FEBRUARY 5, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,471.24 (20210128\JFS01)(JFS-14)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH AIR FORCE ONE, INC. PROCURED THROUGH OMNIA PARTNERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR UPGRADES TO THE HVAC SYSTEM, AND SANITARY AND ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,292.00(20210128\C01)(C-7)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. County Administrator, Mr. Jason Boyd, stated that this and the following resolution are critical components for the safety of the Emergency Management Agency and Jail facilities. They have both been included in the Capital Plan and budgeted. Commissioner Hamercheck added that pre-Covid19, the EMA received inspections of its electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems. The attention to keeping this building in top working condition has been recognized not only regionally but also nationally and this facility sets national standards for its many drills. The County is able to utilize a listing of pre-vetted contractors through CCAO. Mr. Boyd stated that this building has been in use 24/7/365 for over 30 years and it is imperative to keep everything running smoothly and efficiently. Mr. Boyd reiterated Commissioner Hamercheck's statement of the inspections this facility received and how this is a necessary improvement. Commissioner Young, Commissioner Hamercheck and Mr. Boyd discussed the costs and improvements and Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, stated that as this is a secure facility the specifics cannot be openly and publicly discussed. Mr. Boyd stated that should the need arise, there has been \$350,000 budgeted in the Capital Budget for improvements and repairs to the facility. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH TRANE U.S. INC. PROCURED THROUGH OMNIA PARTNERS ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EXHAUST FANS IN THE LAKE COUNTY JAIL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$144,534.00 (20210128\C02)(C-7)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Boyd stated that this project, like the previous resolution, has been budgeted for in the Capital Budget. There are numerous improvements throughout County facilities that need such improvements, replacements and repairs. Commissioner Hamercheck added that the jail repairs are part of an ongoing process and it has also received inspections of its electrical,

mechanical and plumbing systems. The attention to keeping this building in top working condition is very important. Mr. Boyd added that this building is in use 24/7/365 and it is imperative to keep everything running safely, smoothly and efficiently. Mr. Boyd explained that CCAO offers a number of procurement programs. Omnia Partners is registered and has been pre-vetted through CCAO. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young, and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

7. RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT USED BY THE LAKE COUNTY NARCOTICS AGENCY OBSOLETE AND NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE AND AUTHORIZING INTERNET AUCTION AND/OR DESTRUCTION OF SAID EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 307.12 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE(20210128\C03)(CT-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck verified with Assistant Prosecutor, Mr. David Hackman, that the Ohio Revised Code referred to in the resolution is correct for the disposal of obsolete equipment. Mr. Hackman stated that it was and is a statutory requirement to dispose of the items. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A CREDIT CARD HELD BY THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 301.27 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE (20210128\C04)(CT-10)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Commissioner Hamercheck explained that the Sheriff and his staff have worked diligently to put together a detailed plan outlining the usage. There are a number of internal controls to monitor its usage, and they have established a number of requirements. The authorized personnel for its usage will be limited to the purchasing clerk. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

9. RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN LAKE COUNTY PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH TITLES ARE ATTACHED, SURPLUS OR OBSOLETE AND NOT NEEDED FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SAID PROPERTY TO GRAND RIVER VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT K-9 ARSON UNIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 307.12(D) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE (20210128\C05)(CT-10)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck. Mr. Boyd explained that the Sheriff's Department was approached by the Grand River Police and the Painesville Township Fire Department requesting donations of surplus or obsolete vehicles from their fleet. Lake County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jeff Sherwood stated that the vehicles being donated were slated to go to auction as they have been replaced with new vehicles. Commissioner Hamercheck stated that Lake County is lucky to have good partners throughout the County fire and police departments. The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,545,704.50 (20210128\BC01)(C-4)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

11. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,659,258.08 (20210128\BC02)(C-17)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

12. RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20210128\BC03)(C-111)

On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES – none.

ENGINEERS - Commissioner Hamercheck asked County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills for an update on the Madison Avenue Bridge Project. Mr. Gills stated that the project is running on track. They are waiting to receive approval from ODOT to be able to go to bid.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Boyd stated that the 2021 Budget resolutions will be on the agenda next week. Budget Director Matas and his staff are working on the final details for the resolutions.

Mr. Boyd stated that this is the 3rd week of the COVID vaccine process and he reviewed the vaccine rollout for the County. He explained that the County received 400 vaccines this week and that there were 3,000 preregistrations for the 75-year-old and older phase. He stated that of those 3,000 preregistrations, 500 fell into the 90 years and older category. There were 400 invitations sent to those in this age group and of those, 320 accepted the invitation and registered. Mr. Boyd gave a detailed report on the vaccine availability and updates from last week. He stressed the importance of the preregistration and how no one will be accepted without an appointment. Commissioner Hamercheck complimented them on their hard work. He stated that while the County has a very limited supply of the vaccine, Lake County is considered a high performing County therefore eligible to receive surplus vaccines from other counties. He thanked Mr. Boyd, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Busher for their hard work during this vaccine process and added that LakeHealth has been a tremendous partner in this process. Mr. Boyd also thanked the fire chiefs for their hard work, planning and assistance with organizing the PODS.

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Mr. Boyd commended Commissioner Hamercheck for all of his dedication on the NOACA Board and stated that he was named the first vice president of NOACA and also was appointed to the board of directors for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio.

Commissioner Hamercheck explained that in addition to significant input on multiple public policies that impact Lake County, NOACA is also a significant funding agency for transportation projects and long-term community planning initiatives. He added that this will allow him to strategically align Lake County's projects with future state and federal funding opportunities. Lake County has made a significant investment in our road infrastructure over the past three years and this role on NOACA will help further this strategy. Commissioner Hamercheck congratulated Mr. Boyd for his role as president of the CCAO Administrators Association for 2021 and Lake County Planning and Community Development Director, David Radachy, for being named president of the County Planning Directors Association for 2021 Association. He also thanked Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Randy Rothlisberger, and County Engineer, Mr. Jim Gills, for their continued leadership and engagement in NOACA. He also added that for the first time in 51 years, Lake County will receive dollars rather than being a donor county. Mr. Boyd and Commissioner Hamercheck thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their participation in the State Clerks Association.

FINANCE – none.

CLERK – Commissioners Clerk, Ms. Jennifer Bell, stated that the next Commissioners Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL – none.

OLD BUSINESS: - none.

NEW BUSINESS: - none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Hamercheck asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. There were no public comments in this portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board convened an Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss Real Estate-Acquisition with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

ADJOURN: On a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Hamercheck, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Young and Hamercheck "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this twenty-fifth day of February, 2021.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JOHN R. HAMERCHECK, PRESIDENT

RON YOUNG, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER BELL, CLERK